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1. SOVIET PRESS PLAY OF U.S. MEDIA REACTION TO BREZHNEV'S JUNE 13 SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS THE SPECULATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS THE PRIME TARGET OF BREZHNEV'S GENERAL CRITICISM OF THOSE CALLING FOR INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING AND USING DETENTE FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. PRAVDA JUNE 15, FOR EXAMPLE, CITES AP AND UPI STORES TO THAT EFFECT, THUS STRENGTHENING OUR SUPPOSITION (REFTELS) THAT BREZHNEV INTENDED TO BALANCE HIS EXPLICIT POSITIVE COMMENTS ON THE U.S. WITH IMPLICIT CRITICAL ONES.
 2. THE PRAVDA TREATMENT ALSO EMPHASIZES BREZHNEV'S COMMENTS ON THE FORTHCOMING WASHINGTON SUMMIT, AND PLAYS BACK A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE LINKING THE SUMMIT WITH THE SIGNATURE OF A SALT AGREEMENT.
 3. EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH PIERRE SALINGER ARE CARRIED ON JUNE 16. THE MAJOR POINT IN THE PRAVDA VERSION IS THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT DETENTE DOES NOT CONTAIN ADVANTAGES ONLY FOR ONE SIDE, BUT THAT BENEFITS MUST ACCURE TO BOTH IN ORDER FOR THE POLICY TO SURVIVE. PRAVDA ALSO REVISES THE PRESIDENT'S REMARK ON A POSSIBLE DATE FOR A CSCE SUMMIT ("SOMETIME LATER THIS SUMMER") BY PLACING IT SIMPLY SOMETIME "THIS YEAR"--AN INDICATION OF A SOVIET DESIRE TO AVOID FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT IF THE CSCE CONCLUSION SLIPS BEYOND SUMMER.
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